

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-18 and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 16-18 are amended and new Claim 20 is added by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 17 and 18 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 17 and 18 include allowable subject matter.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §101, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 16 recites "An information storage medium embodied as a recordable optical disc for use with an optical disc drive, wherein the recordable optical disc physically comprises a lead-in area located near a center of rotation of the disc, and data and control information areas located outside of the lead-in area, said recordable optical disc including sectors for storing recorded information which includes control information and audio/video data having one or more still picture objects."

In the invention recited in Claim 16, a unique data structure of the control information is predetermined independently of the audio/video data, and a specific physical pattern of the claimed control information is fixed on the claimed disc. It is respectfully submitted that the resultant pattern of the control information physically fixed on the disc is a material part of the physical feature of the claimed disc. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

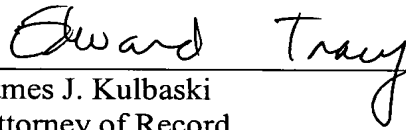
With regard to the rejection of Claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claim 17 is amended to recite “generating the audio/video data” and “generating the control information.” Claim 18 is amended to recite “reproducing the audio/video data from the data area based on the reproduced control information.” Accordingly, Claims 17 and 18 are in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

New Claim 20 is supported at least by Claims 17 and 18. As new Claim 20 recites the subject matter of Claim 17 and 18 in a reproducing apparatus format, Claim 20 is believed to be allowable.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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